

# Amrun project Newsletter

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## Amrun given the green light

**Rio Tinto has approved the development of the Amrun project (formerly known as the South of Embley) on 27 November 2015.**

The announcement, made by Rio Tinto chief executive Sam Walsh with Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and Minister for State Development Anthony Lynham at Queensland Parliament House in Brisbane, was witnessed by a contingent from the Western Cape including Wik-Waya Traditional Owners and dancers, and some of Rio Tinto's Indigenous employees.

Amrun involves the construction of a bauxite mine and associated processing and port facilities approximately 40 kilometres south of the Embley River near Boyd Point.

Planned initial output is 22.8 million tonnes a year, replacing production from



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East Weipa mine and increasing annual bauxite exports from Cape York by around ten million tonnes. The project's design provides options for future expansion to 50 million tonnes a year.

Mr Walsh said Amrun was one of the highest quality bauxite projects in the world.

“This long-life, low-cost, expandable asset offers a wide variety of development options and pathways over the coming decades. It is a tier one asset that will deliver significant benefits to all our stakeholders,” he said.

Rio Tinto president and CEO Bauxite & Alumina Phillip Strachan described the

announcement as a significant milestone for Weipa, the Western Cape community, and Queensland more broadly.

“The Amrun investment decision means we can secure a strong future for our business and continue to share prosperity generated from our operations across the region for generations to come,” he said.

“We are opening an exciting new chapter in the history of our business.”

*Pictured: Rio Tinto chief executive Sam Walsh, Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and Minister for State Development Anthony Lynham.*

## Rio Tinto Board visits Weipa

**The announcement of the Amrun project funding followed a visit to Weipa by the Rio Tinto Board and senior executives on 26 November.**

Board members were welcomed to Country by representatives of the Algnith people at the Western Cape Cultural Centre, watched a performance by Wik-Waya dancers, met with Traditional Owners and viewed cultural centre displays.

The group was also taken on a tour of Rio Tinto's mining operations and shared a lunch with a number of Rio Tinto employees.

*(Bottom right) Rio Tinto Board members and senior executives enjoy a traditional Wik-Waya dance at the Western Cape Cultural Centre in late November.*

*(L-R): Loyla Chevathen (Traditional Owner), Phillip Strachan (Rio Tinto president and CEO – Bauxite & Alumina) and Alf Barrios (Rio Tinto chief executive, Aluminium) inspect exhibits at the Western Cape Cultural Centre.*



# From South of Embley to Amrun

**The South of Embley project will now be known as the Amrun project (pronounced Um-run) at the request of Wik-Waya Traditional Owners.**

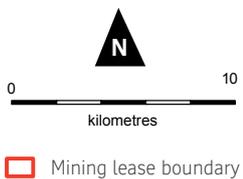
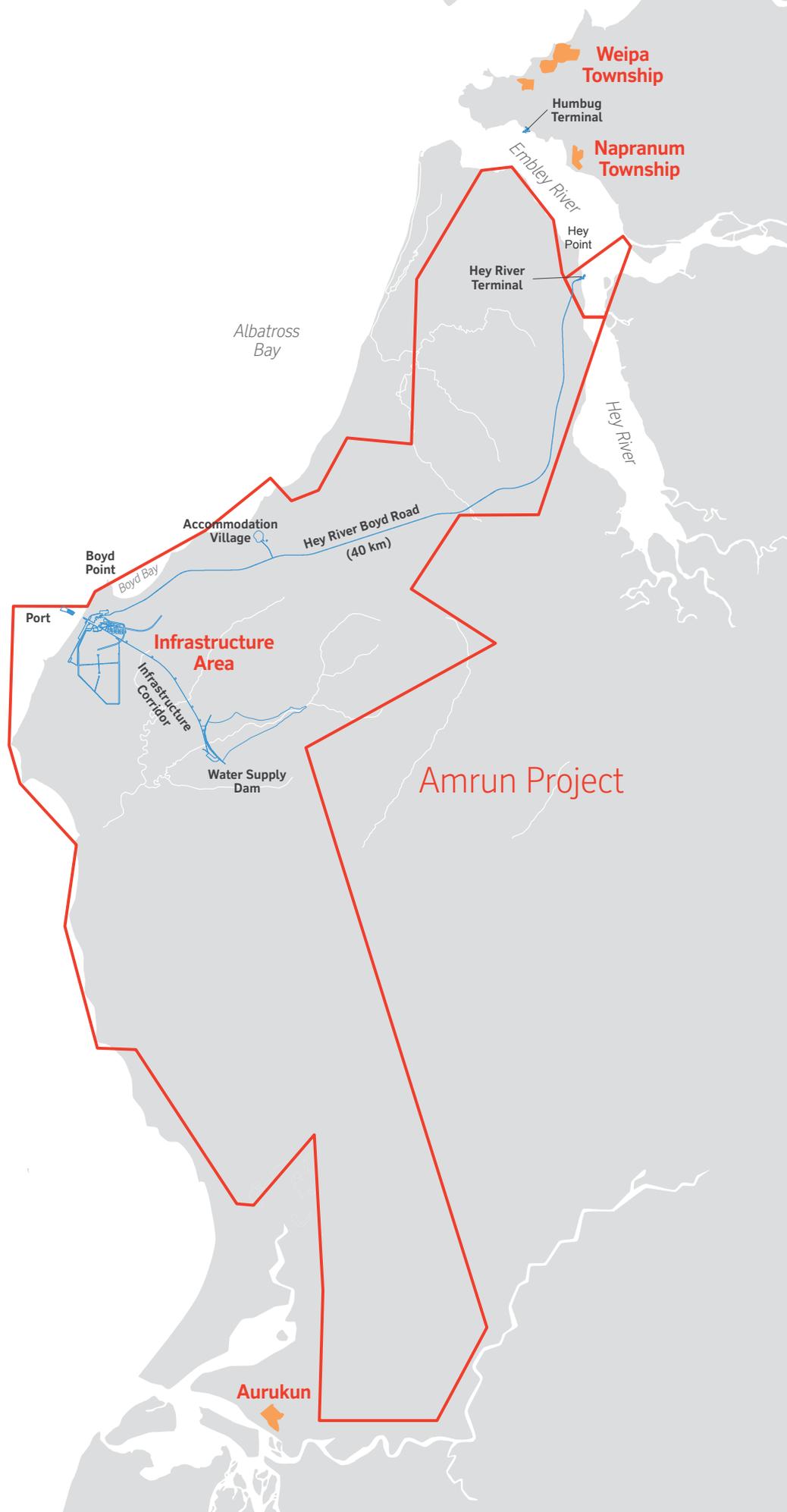
Wik-Waya Elder Tony Kerindun met with Rio Tinto chief executive Sam Walsh in Weipa, just before the Rio Tinto investment decision, and formally requested the name change.

Amrun is the Wik-Waya name for the Boyd Point area where the port and processing facilities will be located.

*Wik-Waya Traditional Owner Tony Kerindun and Rio Tinto chief executive Sam Walsh at the Western Cape Cultural Centre in late November.*



Gulf of Carpentaria



# Amrun project snapshot

**COST**  
US\$1.9 billion

**PRODUCTION**  
H1 2019



**CUSTOMERS**

Rio Tinto refineries in Gladstone and export, mostly Asia

**CAPACITY**  
22.8mpta  
(first stage) with options to 50mpta

**CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT**  
1,100  
construction (peak)



**SHIPPING**

Increased production will be transported via ships travelling north to export markets

**CONSTRUCTION**  
3 years  
Approximately

**OPERATIONS EMPLOYMENT**  
1,400  
roles across Weipa operations



Illustration of future Amrun processing and port facilities.

## Accommodation facilities mark ramp up at Amrun

**The arrival of accommodation modules at Weipa has signalled the ramp up in Amrun project construction.**

The first of the accommodation facilities arrived in late November with 17 trailers of accommodation modules transported to site.

Accommodation modules for the longer-term accommodation village were transported to Weipa from Rio Tinto Iron Ore operations in Western Australia.

Marcia Hanrahan, general manager, Amrun project – Rio Tinto Projects, said initial project construction activity in 2015 includes site clearing for the accommodation village and establishment of early accommodation.

“Our focus is to get the accommodation established so we have facilities ready to finalise accommodation and commence site works when the wet season ends,” she said.

Construction of the Hey River-Boyd Road and barge/ferry facilities on the Hey River to allow access to the Amrun project area will also begin in the first half of 2016.

The construction phase is expected to last three years, with employment peaking in late 2017 at around 1,100 people.

The majority of capital expenditure for the Amrun project is scheduled for 2017 and 2018.

(Bottom left) Temporary camp accommodation modules arrive on site.

(Bottom right) Accommodation modules leave Port Hedland for use at the Amrun project.



## Working with the Amrun project

**Local businesses interested in working with the Amrun project are invited to register on the project's Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway web portal.**

General manager, Amrun project development – Bauxite & Alumina, Greg Rashford, said Rio Tinto was committed to providing access to opportunities for local and Indigenous business and community members to benefit from the Amrun project.

“We understand that procurement and employment practices by Rio Tinto and our contractors play a significant role in the creation of sustainable employment and economic development opportunities for the community,” he said.

“We are committed to ensuring local and Indigenous businesses have full, fair and reasonable opportunity to supply the project.”

Available work packages and news of awarded contracts will be regularly posted to the Amrun

project ICN page ([www.amrun.icn.org.au](http://www.amrun.icn.org.au)) where potential suppliers can submit expressions of interest.

A Local and Indigenous participation strategy has also been developed and outlines how participation opportunities can be identified, and the procurement assessment and award process.

“We encourage all local and Indigenous businesses, which are commercially and technically competitive, to register on the ICN gateway so they can see what packages of work are available and who has been awarded contracts with the project,” Mr Rashford said.

*Rio Tinto crew leader Craig Wone and Community Relations adviser Lucy Warren.*



*Haul trucks loaded with bauxite at Weipa operations.*



## Contact us

### Supplier information

Potential suppliers can submit an expression of interest for available work packages on our Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway web portal – <http://www.amrun.icn.org.au/>

A supplier fact sheet is available on the Rio Tinto website: [http://www.riotinto.com/documents/Amrun\\_project\\_supplier\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.riotinto.com/documents/Amrun_project_supplier_fact_sheet.pdf)

### Construction employment

Construction employment will be available through contractors selected to deliver packages of work on the project.

Visit the Amrun ICN portal for details about awarded work packages – <http://www.amrun.icn.org.au/>

As engineering, procurement, and construction (EPCM) manager, Bechtel will recruit professional roles in positions such as project controls, field engineering, contracts and procurement.

Visit the Bechtel website for information about available opportunities – <http://jobs.bechtel.com/professionals/>

### Operations employment

Employment during Amrun ‘business as usual’ operations will be with Rio Tinto.

Visit the Rio Tinto Careers page for information about working with us: <http://www.riotinto.com/careers/>

## Community feedback

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